

Curriculum newsletter for SS, SRJ and RF
Spring 2 2014

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Numeracy

This half term will be another busy one in numeracy. Our focus will be word problems this term and how we can use and apply the skills we have been learning. We will be completing word problems involving each of the four rules, including money and measures. We will be looking at missing number problems where

$$25 + () = 78$$

So what is the value of the unknown number?

Further to this we will be continuing our focus on tables and hope you will encourage your children with their Totally Tables challenges at home. It is vital the children know their times tables and the related division facts that go with each of the tables. So

$$2 \times 8 = 16 \text{ and } 16 \div 8 = 2$$

In other areas of numeracy we will be studying symmetry in shape work and capacity and weight within measures.

We will be continuing with numeracy groupings as we feel it is really supporting the children and allowing us to tailor the work for the children. Again if you have any questions about that do not hesitate to contact us.

Special sessions!

SS, SRJ and RF are continuing with some special teaching sessions. This half term Class RF will be learning French with Madame Bond from Catshill Middle School and all of the children will be learning gymnastics skills with a specialist coach from Bromsgrove Gymnastics club. In addition, a dance teacher will be visiting so each class will have the opportunity to have a dance session.

So your child can take advantage of all of these opportunities please ensure PE kits are always in school.

Our topic this half term is **URBAN PIONEERS!**

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term! Our topic of **Urban Pioneers** continues this term, with the added excitement of the year 3 and 4 production of Jack and The Beanstalk, and you will be invited to performances on Tuesday, 24th March 2015.

We are very much looking forward to our trip to Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, and to studying iconic buildings of the World.



Literacy

This half term we will be engaging with a more formal style of writing where the children will be writing persuasive letters, designing tourist brochures about Bromsgrove and cities of the future, finishing with designing and performing adverts for our new cities. Once again, we are having a big push on reading this half term with the expectation that each child will read at least three times a week. Each class will have an end of term treat for the children who have read at least three times a week.



Topic

In topic this term we will be exploring a range of buildings after our visit to Avoncroft Museum. We will be looking at the materials used and the dates of their designs. This will all link into the children designing their city of the future, where they can let their imagination run wild with designs and materials.

In addition to our Urban Pioneers topic we will be working on our school production of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will be doing lots of work on speaking and listening and developing their performing skills. They will be singing and acting for you all to come in and enjoy!

Unlocking the learning at home....the home learning from last half term was fantastic with a fabulous variety and many different examples of projects; graffiti was very popular! We are very much looking forward to seeing the children's home learning this half term. Remember, each child receives a certificate for completing their home learning.